In the course of the Spring 2016 Closing Ceremony, held on Thursday 26 May, the winner of this year's Maria Weber Scholarship was announced by the VIU Dean, Prof. Carlo Giupponi and the Director of the VIU School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Prof. Luca Pes.

Since it was established in 2010 this award has been given annually to a student from the Globalization Program, applying during the Spring term for the international mobility, for the best thesis proposal on a theme related to China and Asian studies.

Maria Weber was Professor of International Relations and Comparative Politics at Bocconi University as well as Managing Director of the Italian Institute of Culture in Beijing. Her researches on Asia analyzed the strategies employed by firms in approaching the Chinese market, when China was still an unknown and distant marketplace for Italian entrepreneurs. Her family and friends therefore decided to endow a scholarship in her memory, to honor her life's work and to encourage young students to study the extraordinary, fascinating and sometimes impenetrable country to which she had dedicated her career.

2016 winner:

Agnese Ziliani
Ca' Foscari University
Master's degree: Language, Culture and Society of Asia and Mediterranean Africa
Research project title: "Gender Issues and Feminist Literature in Modern and Contemporary Taiwan"

International mobility destination: Taiwan.



Agnese Ziliani with VIU Dean, Prof. Carlo Giupponi